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April 1st, 1918.

The Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 166th Street, New York.

Dear Sir:-

We have had frequent requests at the camp library for plates showing U. S. war medal ribbons. We have on exhibit some plates of uniforms and Croix de Guerre, but nothing on the U. S. medals. I have seen references to B. L. Benden's "U. S. war medals" published by your society. Do you, by any chance, have any separate copies of the plates of that book, which we might have mounted on card board and hung on our walls? May we be so fortunate as to receive them through your courtesy?

Very truly yours,

John A. Lowe

Camp Librarian.

Can you also tell us where we can procure one of the new U. S. medals for distinguished service?

April 3rd, 1918.

Mr. John A. Lowe, Camp Librarian,
U. S. Camp Devens,
Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your letter of April 1st I take pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, with the compliments of The American Numismatic Society, a copy of Mr. B. L. Belden's brochure "United States War Medals". It will be possible for you to remove the plates if you so desire. I regret to state that we do not have separate copies of the plates of the book.

With regard to your postscript inquiry concerning the new United States medals for distinguished service, I beg to say that they are not yet published - in fact it may be doubted that the design has been approved or that the medals themselves are yet in existence.

Some time ago we had prepared a set of two plates showing the decorations issued by the Allies. These were photographed and hand colored. If you so desire we shall be very glad to send you one of each of these, and you can place them on the walls of your Library.

Yours very cordially,

Secretary.

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April 12th, 1918.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Noe:-

Thank you for your kind letter of April 3rd and the gift from the Society of Mr. B. L. Belden's brochure "U. S. war medals." This is so valuable a publication that I feel it should be bound, and I shall have that attended to in the immediate future.

Thank you for your advice regarding the new U. S. medals for distinguished service.

We should like very much indeed to have the set of two plates showing the decorations issued by the allies which you mention, if it will be possible for you to lend them to us for exhibition purposes.

With all kind wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John A. Lowe

Camp Librarian.

April 17th, 1918.

Mr. John A. Lowe, Camp Librarian,
Camp Library,
U. S. Camp Devens, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lowe:-

In response to your letter of April 12th I sent you by parcel post on Monday two mounted plates of the decorations given by France and England. I trust you will find a place for them on the walls of your camp library, and I think they will prove interesting to some of your visitors. If you do not like the metal tape additions, you will, of course, feel free to detach or rearrange them.

You might say to any of your boys who show an interest that they would find a cordial welcome at the building of this Society whenever they are in New York.

Yours very cordially,

Secretary.

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April 24th, 1918.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York.

My dear Mr. Noe:-

Thank you most sincerely for your kindness in sending for our walls the mounted plates of the decorations given by France and England. They have attracted much attention during the past ten days.

I will be glad to extend your cordial welcome at the building of your society to men going to New York.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Lowe

Camp Librarian.